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Re: Reply Comments of the Lower Colorado River Authority in
CC Docket Number 96-98

Dear Mr. Caton:

Enclosed please find an original and eleven (11) copies of
the Reply Comments of the Lower Colorado River Authority in the
above-captioned docket.

Please direct any questions that you may have to the
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Sincerely,



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Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions in the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Interconnection between Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers

) CC Docket No. 96-98

REPLY COMMENTS
OF THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY

The Lower Colorado River Authority ("LCRA"), by its attorneys and pursuant to Section 1.429 of the Commission's Rules,^{1/} respectfully submits these reply comments in response to comments submitted by UTC, The Telecommunications Association ("UTC") and the American Public Power Association ("APPA") in the above-captioned proceeding.^{2/} UTC and APPA filed comments in support of the Petition for Clarification of the Lower Colorado River Authority in this docket.^{3/}

1/ 47 C.F.R. §1.429 (1995).


2/ First Report and Order ("Interconnection Order"), FCC 96-325, CC Docket Nos. 96-98, 95-185 (Aug. 8, 1996), 61 Fed. Reg. 45,476 (1996), partial stay granted, Iowa Utilities Board v. FCC, 1996 U.S. App. LEXIS 27953 (8th Cir. Oct. 15, 1996), petition for reversal of stay pending (U.S. Sup. Ct., filed Oct. 31, 1996).

3/ See UTC Consolidated Comments on Petitions for Clarification (Oct. 31, 1996); Reply Comments of the American Public Power Association in Support of Its Petition for Clarification or Reconsideration of the Commission's First Report and Order ("APPA Comments") (Oct. 31, 1996).

LCRA notes that UTC and APPA strongly support LCRA's request that the Commission clarify ambiguous language contained in Paragraph 994 of the Interconnection Order regarding the definition of "telecommunications services" so that the sale or lease of excess capacity on private fiber or microwave facilities would not subject electric utilities to interconnection obligations. Moreover, no party to this proceeding has objected to LCRA's request for clarification. LCRA agrees with APPA's request that the Commission segregate this clarification from other issues on reconsideration to avoid delay in the resolution of this issue.^{4/} Therefore, LCRA urges the Commission to clarify the meaning of Paragraph 994 by issuing a special notice or other comparable official release in an expeditious manner.

Respectfully submitted,

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^{4/} See APPA Comments at 4.

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I, Renee K. Kernan, a secretary with the law firm of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, hereby certify that on this 12th day of November, 1996, a copy of the Reply Comments of the Lower Colorado River Authority was mailed, first-class, postage prepaid to:

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